



***Please note that the application deadline for this year has passed. Questions regarding the forthcoming application period may be directed to our District Office and the academy coordinator at 651-224-9191. The upcoming application deadline is Monday November 2, 2009.***

One of the great pleasures I have serving in Congress is the opportunity to nominate outstanding students from the 4th District of Minnesota to the United States Service Academies. Attending one of the academies allows you the opportunity to serve your country while furthering your education.

The academy selection process is very competitive. It is based on scholastic achievements, as

well as your involvement in school and community activities, leadership achievements and potential, and athletic achievements. I am given a limited number of slots to recommend to the academies, so any information regarding your character and past achievements would be appreciated.

### Requirements:

To be considered for a nomination, there are a few minimum requirements you must meet:

- Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 22 (or 17 and 24 for the Merchant Marine Academy) **as of July 1 of the year the applicant would enter the academy.**
- Applicants must be unmarried.
- Applicants must not be pregnant or have a legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

### How to Apply:

If you are interested in seeking a Congressional nomination from my office and are a resident of the 4th District of Minnesota, please print and fill out our [Academy Nomination Application Form](#), then submit it to my St. Paul office along with the materials listed at the end of the application.

### Your full application should include:

- [The application form](#)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- A high school transcript (mailed directly from your high school)
- SAT and/or ACT scores (photocopies are acceptable)
- A one page essay (typed) about why you would like to attend a service academy
- A photo

Please send your completed application and all additional materials to the address below:

Congresswoman Betty McCollum  
ATTN: Connie Haddeland  
165 Western Avenue North Suite 17  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
(651) 224-9191

Also, please feel free to contact us at this address and phone number if you have additional questions.

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Service Academies:

Below are the links to the United States Service Academies. Click on the appropriate link to access its respective website.

[United States Naval Academy](#)

[United States Air Force Academy](#)

[United States Military Academy](#)

[United States Merchant Marine Academy](#)

[United States Coast Guard Academy](#) **(A nomination is not required for this Academy)**

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Service Academy Summer Sessions:

**High School juniors interested in attending a service academy may wish to consider the following summer session opportunities. The application deadlines for the summer of 2009 have passed. Please check back here about 2010 deadlines.**

### United States Naval Academy

**Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS)** High School juniors may apply for the Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) starting **February 1, 2009.**

During three one-week sessions in June, rising seniors will experience all aspects of the Naval Academy including the academic program and midshipman life. Furthermore, students will receive an overview of Navy and Marine Corps service options.

<http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/nass.htm>

### **United States Military Academy at West Point**

High School Juniors may apply to the Summer Leaders Seminar (SLS) online between mid-December 2008 and 1 April 2009. For more information about this unique program, please visit this link: [Summer Leaders Seminar at West Point.](#)

### **United States Air Force Academy**

<http://academyadmissions.com/admissions/summerseminar/>

Summer Seminar is a unique opportunity to see a realistic picture of what cadet life is about and gain an understanding of the commitment necessary to attend the United States Air Force Academy and to become an Air Force officer. Students will spend a week immersed in cadet life and will attend classes taught by the same faculty who instruct cadets. Students also participate in a variety of physical fitness activities.